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Agenda Item #3b

To: Governing Board, SMBRC

From: Guangyu Wang, Chief Administrative Director

Subject: Consideration of Appointment of Phyllis Grifman to the Technical Advisory Committee (TAC)

Action Requested of the Governing Board:

- Appointment of Phyllis Grifman to the TAC

Summary

The Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) that established the TAC authorizes the Governing Board to appoint TAC members as needed and based on nominations from existing TAC members. Appointments to the TAC are based on expertise in coastal and watershed sciences, with a demonstrated ability to work collaboratively to reach consensus on technical issues that are relevant to the staff and Governing Board.

Background

Phyllis Grifman is currently the Associate Director of the University of Southern California Sea Grant Program. She manages the program's research, outreach and education portfolios and develop programs and partnerships to foster the connections between science and policy. Over the years, she has facilitated and overseen many research initiatives that addresses issues highly pertinent to Santa Monica Bay including, Marine Protected Areas, impacts of wastewater disposal and storm water runoff on nearshore coastal environments, impacts on local communities of coastal erosion, storm impacts, and sea level rise. Her major interests and research focuses on marine policy development and implementation, marine spatial planning, and public education.

Phyllis Grifman would serve the TAC as an expert in marine policy development and coastal socioeconomics. Current TAC members and SMBRC staff believe that this expertise will enhance the breadth of the TAC, particularly when it addresses issues related to the socioeconomic impacts of coastal development, water quality, and climate change.

Phyllis Grifman's nomination recommendation was approved by the TAC during its meeting on June 29, 2017. The letter of nomination by Steve Bay, Chair of the TAC is attached below. Phyllis Grifman's detailed curriculum vitae and publications list can be viewed on USC Sea Grant's website at <http://dornsife.usc.edu/uscseagrants/phyllis-grifman>.





SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA COASTAL WATER RESEARCH PROJECT
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July 5, 2017

Dr. Guangyu Wang
Chief Administrative Director
Santa Monica Bay Restoration Commission

Dr. Wang,

On behalf of the Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) of SMBRC, I wish to nominate Dr. Phyllis Grifman as an additional member of our committee.

Dr. Grifman is the Associate Director of the University of Southern California Sea Grant Program and has over 20 years of experience facilitating research into issues of SMBRC concern, including urban impacts on the health of Santa Monica Bay. In addition, Dr. Grifman has extensive technical expertise regarding the socioeconomic impacts of coastal development and water quality, a discipline previously identified by the TAC as needed for us to provide more complete guidance to the SMBRC.

In summary, the TAC feels that the addition of Dr. Grifman to our committee will improve the TAC's ability to provide guidance and facilitate the development of partnerships needed to implement the Bay Restoration Plan and other SMBRC priorities.

We request that the SMBRC Governing Board consider this nomination prior to our next TAC meeting in September.

Sincerely,

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